

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Gotha

EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF CONTENT \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 23 October 1952, the Heeresflak Kaserne on the west side of Schubert Strasse, Gotha, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 22 October, about 300 troops carrying light field equipment left the installation, marching through the town toward Ohrdruf. The troops included 100 armed with magazine-fed rifles and about 200 armed with submachine guns. They were escorted by trucks \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ which carried five heavy machine guns on sledge mounts.<sup>1</sup>

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2. On 23 October, the Neue Kaserne on the east side of Schubert Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets.<sup>2</sup> At 5 p.m. on 23 October, 55 officers with baggage arrived at the installation.

3. From 3 to 13 November, about 80 percent of the windows of the Heeresflak Kaserne were lighted.<sup>1</sup>

4. From 3 to 13 November, the Neue Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets, the latter including some with artillery insignia. About 80 percent of the windows of the quartering buildings were lighted after nightfall. A radio installation with a Dumbo-type radar set, a radar set with four groups of dipoles and a DF station was about 100 meters north of the barracks installation on the opposite side of the road and about 100 meters east of the intersection of this road and Schubert Strasse. About 40 troops were drilling in the barracks yard from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on 10 November. At 5 p.m. on 13 November, about 80 troops entered the installation coming from the training area.

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1. Comment. The 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the Heeresflak Kaserne on the west side of Schubert Strasse continually detaches elements for border guard duty in the Harz Mts. and the Rhoen. \_\_\_\_\_

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[redacted] Judging from the equipment and weapons observed with the unit on 22 October, the unit is believed to have been a battalion leaving for commitment at the border.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is carried in the Neue Kaserne on the east side of Schubert Strasse. The radio station was previously known.

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